

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-12. (CANCELLED)

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A vehicle door module comprising:

a support element including a service opening;

an outer panel element to close said service opening, said outer panel element including an edge zone;

a spacing element having an adjustable dimension to fasten said outer panel element to said support element, wherein at least part of said edge zone of said outer panel element is provided with said spacing element, and said spacing element has said adjustable dimension to adjust a distance between said support element and said outer panel element; and

an elongated stiffening element provided in said edge zone of said outer panel element, wherein said spacing element contacts said elongated stiffening element, said support element and said outer panel element.

14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module according to claim 13, wherein said spacing element is a settable plastic.

15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module according to claim 14, wherein said settable plastic is a heat sensitive adhesive.

16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module according to claim 15, wherein said heat sensitive adhesive is reversibly heat-sensitive.

17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module according to claim 13, wherein said spacing element connects said outer panel element to said support element.

18. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module according to claim 13, wherein said spacing element is adjustable in at least two directions.

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20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module according to claim 13, wherein said elongated stiffening element is detachably joined to said support element.
21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module according to claim 20, wherein said elongated stiffening element is continuously sealed along said support element.
22. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module according to claim 13, wherein said support element and said outer panel element form a hollow chamber.
23. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module according to claim 16 further including a heater, wherein said heater heats said heat sensitive adhesive to remove said outer panel element from said support element.
24. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module according to claim 13, further including an interior panel element.
25. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module according to claim 13, wherein said support element includes at least one of a hinge and a closure element.
26. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module according to claim 13, wherein said support element is connected to at least one of a hinge and a closure element.
27. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module according to claim 13, wherein said elongated stiffening element is secured to said outer panel element.
28. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module according to claim 27, wherein said spacing element connects said outer panel element to said elongated stiffening element.

29. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module according to claim 13, wherein said outer panel element is detachably joined to said support element.

30. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module according to claim 20, wherein said elongated stiffening element is detachably joined to said support element by at least one fastener.

31-32. (CANCELLED)

33. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module as recited in claim 13, wherein said elongated stiffening element has a substantially trapezoidal cross-section.

34. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module as recited in claim 13, wherein said elongated stiffening element is substantially hollow.

35. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module as recited in claim 13, wherein two sides of said elongated stiffening element are joined to said outer panel element.

36. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door module according to claim 13, wherein ~~the~~said spacing element contacts two surfaces of ~~the~~said elongated stiffening element.

37. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door module according to claim 36, wherein ~~the~~said two surfaces are substantially perpendicular.

38. (NEW) The vehicle door module as recited in claim 13,
wherein said outer panel element includes a first outer panel portion and a second outer panel portion transverse to said first outer panel portion, said spacing element includes a first spacing element portion and a second spacing element portion transverse to said first spacing element portion, and said elongated stiffening element includes a first side and a second side transverse to said first side,
wherein said first spacing element portion contacts said first outer panel portion and said first side of said elongated stiffening element, and said second spacing element portion contacts said second outer panel portion and said second side of said elongated stiffening element.
39. (NEW) The vehicle door module as recited in claim 13, wherein said support element is metal.
40. (NEW) The vehicle door module as recited in claim 13, wherein said support element is a panel.
41. (NEW) The vehicle door module as recited in claim 13, wherein said support element is free of openings.

42. (NEW) A vehicle door module comprising:
- a support element including a service opening;
 - an outer panel element to close said service opening, said outer panel element including an edge zone, a first outer panel portion and a second outer panel element transverse to said first outer panel portion; and
 - a spacing element having an adjustable dimension, wherein at least part of said edge zone of said outer panel element is provided with said spacing element, and said spacing element has said adjustable dimension to adjust a distance between said support element and said outer panel element, wherein said spacing element includes a first spacing element portion and a second spacing element portion transverse to said first spacing element portion; and
 - an elongated stiffening element provided in said edge zone of said outer panel element, and said elongated stiffening element includes a first side and a second side transverse to said first side,
- wherein said first spacing element portion contacts said first outer panel portion and said first side of said elongated stiffening element, and said second spacing element portion contacts said second outer panel portion and said second side of said elongated stiffening element.
43. (NEW) The vehicle door module according to claim 42, wherein said spacing element is adjustable in at least two directions.
44. (NEW) The vehicle door module as recited in claim 42, wherein said support element is metal.
45. (NEW) The vehicle door module as recited in claim 42, wherein said support element is a panel.
46. (NEW) The vehicle door module as recited in claim 42, wherein said support element is free of openings.